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July 15, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

21 July 15, 2014

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AMENDMENT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE
TITLE 15: VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC SECTION 15.64.341
REGARDING PARKING RESTRICTION FOR VEHICLES FOR
SALE ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE UNINCORPORATED
COMMUNITIES OF ATHENS, EAST LOS ANGELES, HACIENDA HEIGHTS,
LENNOX, LOS NIETOS, RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, SOUTH WHITTIER,
AND WALNUT PARK
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to amend an existing ordinance prohibiting the parking of vehicles for sale on certain County of Los Angeles streets in the unincorporated communities of Athens, East Los Angeles, Hacienda Heights, Lennox, Los Nietos, Rancho Dominguez, South Whittier, and Walnut Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed ordinance is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Find that based on studies conducted by the Department of Public Works, the following street segments in the County of Los Angeles have been identified as being impacted by one or more of the conditions described in the Los Angeles County Code Title 15, Section 15.64.340(l) (1)-(7) and should be added to Section 15.64.341:

111th Street (Lennox):

- Both sides of 111th Street between Western Avenue and Denker Avenue.

Alma Avenue (East Los Angeles):

- Both sides of Alma Avenue between Floral Drive and Cesar E. Chavez Avenue.

Athens Way (Athens):

- East side of Athens Way between 117th Street and El Segundo Boulevard.

Carmenita Road (South Whittier):

- Both sides of Carmenita Road west frontage road between Trumbull Street and Laurel Avenue.

Cass Place (Walnut Park):

- Both sides of Cass Place between Santa Fe Avenue and the City of South Gate boundary.

Cole Place (Walnut Park):

- Both sides of Cole Place between Santa Fe Avenue and the City of South Gate boundary.

Eastmont Avenue (East Los Angeles):

- Both sides of Eastmont Avenue between Hubbard Street and Whittier Boulevard.

Gale Avenue (Hacienda Heights):

- Both sides of Gale Avenue north frontage road between a point 125 feet west of Larchwood Avenue and Galemont Avenue.

- Both sides of Gale Avenue south frontage road between Falstone Avenue and its easterly terminus east of Gayland Avenue.

Independence Avenue (Walnut Park):

- Both sides of Independence Avenue between Santa Fe Avenue and the City of South Gate boundary.

Lime Avenue (Rancho Dominguez):

- Both sides of Lime Avenue between Compton Boulevard and Myrrh Street.

Norwalk Boulevard (Los Nietos)

- Both sides of Norwalk Boulevard west frontage road between Waddell Street and Aeolian Street.

Palm Place (Walnut Park):

- Both sides of Palm Place between Santa Fe Avenue and the City of South Gate boundary.

Poplar Place (Walnut Park):

- Both sides of Poplar Place between Santa Fe Avenue and the City of South Gate boundary.

Rowan Avenue (East Los Angeles):

- Both sides of Rowan Avenue between Dozier Street and Cesar E. Chavez Avenue.

Sale Place (Walnut Park):

- Both sides of Sale Place between Santa Fe Avenue and the City of South Gate boundary.

Santa Ana Street (Walnut Park):

- Both sides of Santa Ana Street between Santa Fe Avenue and the City of South Gate boundary.

Seville Avenue (Walnut Park)

- Both sides of Seville Avenue between Florence Avenue and the City of South Gate boundary.

Washington Boulevard (Los Nietos):

- South side of Washington Boulevard south frontage road between Danby Avenue and its terminus east of Millergrrove Drive.
- North side of Washington Boulevard north frontage road between Danby Avenue and Morrill Drive.

3. Introduce, waive reading, and place on agenda for adoption on the proposed ordinance that amends Title 15, Section 15.64.341 of the Los Angeles County Code to restrict the parking of vehicles for sale on certain streets in the unincorporated communities of Athens, East Los Angeles, Hacienda Heights, Lennox, Los Nietos, Rancho Dominguez, South Whittier, and Walnut Park.

4. Approve the ordinance amending Los Angeles County Code Title 15: Vehicles and Traffic, Section 15.64.341, to restrict the parking of vehicles for sale on certain streets in the unincorporated communities of Athens, East Los Angeles, Hacienda Heights, Lennox, Los Nietos, Rancho Dominguez, South Whittier, and Walnut Park.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to amend the existing ordinance to alleviate the problem of vehicles parking for the purpose of sale on County highways. The parking of vehicles for sale on County highways is a growing concern to residents due to the negative impact on the quality of life in the neighborhood.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) as these actions will improve traffic safety along the described roadways and improve the quality of life for residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

There is a nominal cost associated with posting signs on the streets to restrict vehicles for sale included with this ordinance amendment.

Sufficient funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2014–15 Road Fund Budget to cover the minor costs of removing and installing the necessary signs and markings.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The County has experienced a proliferation of used vehicles being parked or left idle on public streets for the purpose of advertising or displaying such vehicles for sale, resulting in a negative impact on the County, its residents, and businesses.

California Courts have ruled that a city or county may reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner in which its public streets are used for the sale of vehicles.

California legislature enacted Section 22651.9 of the California Vehicle Code authorizing cities and counties to remove and impound vehicles with for sale signs from designated streets or public lands.

On July 12, 2011, the Board amended Los Angeles County Code Title 15: Vehicles and Traffic, by amending Section 15.64.340 and adding Sections 15.64.341 to 15.64.343 to prohibit the parking of vehicles on certain streets in the County if the vehicle is parked for the primary purpose of advertising the vehicle for sale. The enclosed ordinance amends Section 15.64.341, the provision which identifies the locations where vehicle parking under the ordinance is prohibited. The ordinance amendment adds additional segments that have been identified by Public Works as being impacted by one or more of the conditions described in Section 15.64.340(l) (1)-(7).

The analysis of this ordinance amendment approved by County Counsel is enclosed.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The ordinance amendment of the parking restriction for vehicles for sale is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines and Class-I(x) 7 of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board. These exemptions provide for establishing limitations on the use of County streets and highways authorized by law, such as, but not limited to, parking restrictions or prohibitions including the posting of regulatory and advisory signs.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

No impact on current services or projects is expected.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter and copies of the ordinance to the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

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